(Rs. in crore)

Year	Allocation under CRF	Central share	Center's share of CRF released	Released from NCCF
2007-08	204.48	153.36	153.36	0.00
2008-09 (as on 12th December, 2008)	210.63	157.97	78.985	300.00
Total	415.11	311.33	232.345	300.00*

*Released on adhoc basis from NCCF.

As per the Scheme of CRF, Accountant General in charge of account of the State shall maintain account of the Fund in the normal course. The Comptroller and Auditor General of India would cause audit of CRF to be conducted every year in terms of purposes of the CRF Scheme. As per the information received from AG (A and E), Assam, State Government has reported the expenditure of Rs. 140.06 crore from the CRF account during the year 2007-2008.

Intelligence failure in Mumbai attack

†1795. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some time ago Government had revealed this input at different fora that terrorists may infiltrate into India *via* sea route;

(b) if so, when and where from this input came and names of States with which it was shared;

(c) whether Government considers terrorist attack on Mumbai an intelligence failure; and

(d) if so, the details of those held accountable therefor by Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) The Government has been aware of possible attempts of terrorists to try and infiltrate through the sea route. Inputs and information about such possibilities, and possible terrorist designs, received from various sources, from time to time, have been regularly shared with various agencies and the State Governments concerned. Steps, in the context, have also been taken to step up vigilance and strengthen arrangements in respect of maritime and coastal security, which are being further reviewed. The States have also been advised, from time to time, to take measures for strengthening the security arrangements, particularly with reference to vulnerable areas, buildings and establishments, *etc.* In the Metropolitan and urban areas, in the light of incidents of terrorist attacks, bomb blasts, *etc.* which have occurred in various parts of the country, and steps are being taken in this direction on a continuing basis.

With reference to the case of Mumbai, there were no specific inputs pointing to the possibility of the attacks that occurred. Intelligence regarding a suspected LeT vessel, and possibilities of its infiltration, was shared with the Navy and the Coast Guard. The coordinates given placed the suspected vessel in Pakistani waters. Nevertheless, both organizations took action by way of deploying vessels and aircraft in the zone, but no further specific action was found possible on the basis of the available information. Action has been taken to augment and strengthen the intelligence machinery by sanction of additional posts and for filling them up expeditiously and the existing mechanisms and arrangements for gathering and sharing of intelligence are being further reviewed to make them more effective and result oriented.

Inevitability of federal investigation agency and stringent laws

†1796. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is of the view that terror incidents of the sort occurred in Mumbai, has introduced a new chapter by changing the face of terrorism into war;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto recognizing the inevitability of federal investigation agency and stringent laws;

(c) whether Government is now considering to make them;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps taken/being taken by Government following this incident, so that such incident could be checked?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The basic ideology, objectives and nature of targets of the terrorist groups involved in sponsoring or perpetrating terrorist activities in the country continue to remain unchanged, although the means and methodology adopted may change, from time to time, in different areas and incidents, together with progressively growing use of modern technology, communications, *etc.* The recent incidents in Mumbai have however demonstrated distinctive elements and features, including a well-planned and audacious attack in the nature of a suicide mission by Pakistani nationals, involving the use of sophisticated communications technology and weaponry, targeting of foreign nationals and a mix of multiple heightened and other targets.

(b) to (d) The issue of setting up of a federal/central investigating agency to enable investigation of selected cases of terrorism that may have Inter-State or international linkages and pose a direct threat to the national security, and related crimes such as hijacking, Fake Indian Currency Notes from outside the country, *etc.*, has been under consideration of Government in consultation with State Governments and the Law Ministry, *etc.* It is now proposed to bring in a Bill for legislation in this regard.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.